

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following claim listing, marked-up to show additions and deletions, will replace all prior claim listings.

1 - 24. (Cancelled)

25. (*Currently Amended*) Sterilization testing apparatus comprising a housing including a testing chamber having a base portion, a supply line for supplying a sterilizing medium to the testing chamber, at least one indicator located in at least the testing chamber for indicating completion of sterilization, the housing being comprised of an assembly of at least two superimposed housing parts fabricated of metal or/and injection-moldable plastic, the supply line being comprised of a channel formed in at least one of the housing parts, the channel having an opening at one end thereof communicating with the testing chamber and an opening at the other end thereof for communicating with a source of the sterilizing medium outside the housing, wherein

the supply line is formed at least in part of a sidewall of at least one housing part and at least in part of one or more inwardly-facing ridges formed on an interior surface of at least one housing part, and further wherein

the base portion of the test chamber is formed at the end of the supply line.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously presented) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein length of the supply line relative to cross-section thereof is sufficiently great to prevent complete deaeration of the supply line during sterilization.

28. (Previously presented) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the indicator is a single indicator which extends over the entire length of the supply channel.
29. (Currently amended) Sterilization apparatus according to claim 25, wherein a plurality of the indicators are ~~and~~ distributed over the entire length of the supply channel.
30. (Previously presented) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein, apart from said opening communicating with a source of the sterilization medium, the housing is hermetically sealed.
31. (Previously presented) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the supply channel is of square or rectangular cross-section.
32. (Previously presented) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the supply channel follows a spiral or meandering path.
33. (Previously presented) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the housing parts are fixedly secured together.
34. (Previously presented) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the at least one ridge is formed on only one of the housing parts.
35. (Previously presented) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the housing parts comprises a transparent material which makes the indicator visible without opening the housing.

36. (Currently amended) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 33 [[31]], further comprising a breaking line along which the housing parts are manually breakable to provide access to the indicator.
37. (Currently amended) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 33 [[31]], further comprising a least one tear strip in the housing parts, tearing away of the tear strip providing access to the indicator.
38. (Currently amended) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 33 [[31]], further comprising an opening in one of the housing parts for providing access to the indicator and an openable closure for the opening.
39. (Currently amended) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 38 [[25]], wherein the closure comprises a film suitable not adapted for re-closing the opening.
40. (Cancelled)
41. (Cancelled)
42. (Previously presented) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising a scale applied to at least one of the housing parts.
43. (Previously presented) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the housing is comprised of an assembly of at least three superposed parts and the channel is comprised of at least two superposed sets of channels communicating with each other.

44. (Previously presented) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the housing parts are detachable from each other and further comprising a seal between the housing parts.
45. (Previously presented) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 44, wherein the seal comprises a mat.
46. (Cancelled)
47. (Currently amended) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the housing parts comprise at least one injection molded ~~heat-resistant~~ plastic having a heat resistance of at least 121° C.
48. (New) A Sterilization testing apparatus comprising:
a housing including a testing chamber having a base portion
a supply line for delivering a sterilizing medium to the testing chamber:
at least one indicator located in at least the testing chamber for indicating completion of sterilization; wherein
the housing comprises at least two superimposed parts fabricated of metal, injection-molded plastic having a heat resistance of at least 121° C, or both;
the supply line being comprised of a channel formed in at least one of the housing parts, the channel having an opening at one end thereof communicating with the testing chamber and an opening at the other end thereof for communicating with a source of the sterilizing medium outside the housing; and further wherein
the supply line, the testing chamber, or both, is formed at least in part of a side wall of at least one of the housing parts and at least one inwardly-facing ridge formed on an interior surface of at least one of the housing parts.